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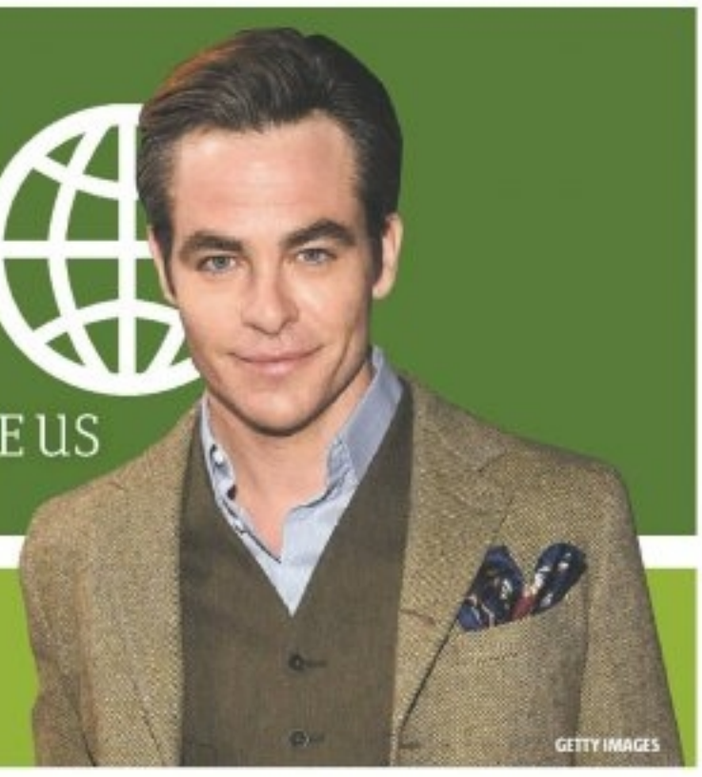
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The longest government shutdown in history is over, but Philadelphians have differing views on what it means for different people. I spoke to an optimistic CEO of Philly's premier travel brand, a federal worker weary of how the government treats its employees, and a traveler who frequently uses Philadelphia International Airport. The City of Brotherly Love has no shortage of views on what's been a hotly-debated shutdown.

18 DAYS TILL NEXT GOV'T SHUTDOWN

Banksy homage to Bataclan stolen from Paris theater

1 A mural by British street artist Banksy on a fire-exit door at Paris' Bataclan theater, where Islamist militants killed 90 people three years ago, has been stolen, the venue said on Saturday. The work, one of a series of murals painted last June in the French capital and attributed to Banksy, showed a veiled female figure in a mournful pose. "We are today filled with a deep sense of indignation. The work of Banksy, a symbol of contemplation belonging to all — residents, Parisians and citizens of the world — has been taken from us," the Bataclan said in a Twitter post. Thieves with a van had stolen the door on which the mural was painted the previous night, a police source told Reuters. The Bataclan theater was stormed by militants during a rock concert in November 2015, as part of coordinated attacks in and around Paris that killed 130 people.

Stone open to talking with Mueller in Russia probe

2 Roger Stone, an ally of President Donald Trump and a longtime Republican operative, did not rule out on Sunday cooperating with Special Counsel Robert Mueller in his investigation of Russian meddling in the 2016 U.S. presidential election. Arrested at his waterfront home in Florida on Friday in a dawn raid by FBI agents, Stone told reporters he would not "bear false witness against the president." Stone was charged with lying to Congress about the Trump campaign's efforts to use stolen emails to undercut Democratic rival Hillary Clinton. Asked on ABC's "This Week" if he would cooperate with Mueller, he said: "You know, that's a question I would have to — I have to determine after my attorneys have some discussion." "I'd also testify honestly about any other matter, including any communications with the president," he said.

Border wall funding the focus of continued partial government shutdown

3 The border wall that separates the United States and Mexico towers over Miguel Cortez Park on Sunday in Calexico, California. The U.S. government was partially shut down as President Donald Trump battled Congress for $5.7 billion in funding to resolve border security issues including building walls along the border. On Friday, President Trump agreed to end the shutdown.

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Hopes dim in Brazil survivor search after dam collapse

4 Brazilian rescuers on Sunday soldiered on in the search for hundreds of people missing after a breached mining dam triggered a deadly mudslide, but hopes of finding survivors dimmed more than two days after the disaster. Search efforts were paralyzed for much of the day on fears another dam could give way in the Vale SA iron ore mining complex in the state of Minas Gerais. The collapsed dam at Vale's Corrego do Feijao mine buried mining facilities and nearby homes in the town of Brumadinho and killed at least three dozen people. Firefighters spent Sunday morning evacuating thousands from their homes before resuming search-and-rescue efforts in the afternoon once civil defense authorities ruled out the risk of another dam burst and called off the evacuation.

Far-right protest during Auschwitz commemoration

5 Dozens of Polish far-right nationalists gathered at the Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland on Sunday to protest at the same time as officials and survivors marked the 74th anniversary of the camp's liberation in an annual ceremony. The two parties gathered in different parts of the camp, now an open-air museum, and did not encounter each other. It was the first time the far right has held a protest at Auschwitz at the annual event, which is also International Holocaust Victims Remembrance Day. At the official ceremony on Sunday, Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki and other government officials were joined in prayer by some of the last remaining survivors of the death camp. In another location at the site, far-right protesters wrapped in Polish flags, some stamped with the words "Polish Holocaust," laid flowers and sang the Polish national anthem.

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Casinos cashing in on Super Bowl

AC's sportsbook hits a billion dollars, just in time for Super Bowl millions.

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At the top of January — the same time that Pennsylvania casinos Parx, SugarHouse and Harrah's, along with the non-casino South Philadelphia Turf Club, commenced their individual sportsbooks — it was announced that New Jersey's Atlantic City casino sportsbooks had achieved a magic number. Jersey closed out 2018 by surpassing over $1 billion in sportsbook bets for the year and going beyond the $1 billion mark in lifetime gross revenue generated by legal online gambling.

The only thing more thrilling than that billion-plus number ($1.2 billion, to be precise) was the amount of cash guesstimated to be made from one single sports betting event: next Sunday's Super Bowl matchup between the American Football Conference champion New England Patriots and the National Football Conference champion Los Angeles Rams, and its predictions of $100 million-plus in sports bets.

"I am picking the Patriots to win," says Dustin Gouker, lead sports betting analyst for PlayNJ.com and its newer sister site, PlayPennsylvania.com. "A lot of books opened Rams at -1, and it has moved to Pats -2 at most places. I think it settles at -2.5, but there could be a lot of late money that moves the line."

Gouker says that the $100 million is an educated guess based on how

much Nevada's handle was in 2018. "Nevada threw in nearly $160 million last year for the one game, and New Jersey's young market is already showing many of the same trends. And we know operators in New Jersey will be aggressive in attracting bettors." Gouker and his entire PlayUSA Network also guesstimate that a projected $325 million in total bets at legal sportsbooks across the country will occur.

The even-bigger money part of this story — the more than $1 billion in sports bets in Atlantic City for the year 2018 — was an inevitability in his mind as soon as New Jersey made it legal. "New Jersey sports betting was going to get to a billion. It was just a matter of how quickly. After all, there's $5 billion earned annually in Nevada and many times that in the U.K. I think the speed with which people adopted mobile sports betting was the determining factor in how quickly it happened."

So could AC surpass the Vegas/Nevada lines sooner than later? Absolutely, claims Gouker, and probably even surpassing Nevada sports betting in terms of handle, barring changes in Nevada.

"It's much easier to sign up in New Jersey for an online account — in Nevada, you have to actually register in person," states Gouker. "And the apps are better in New Jersey. We'll also have more brands and sportsbooks and apps in the New Jersey market, most of which should be additive to the amount wagered and revenue."

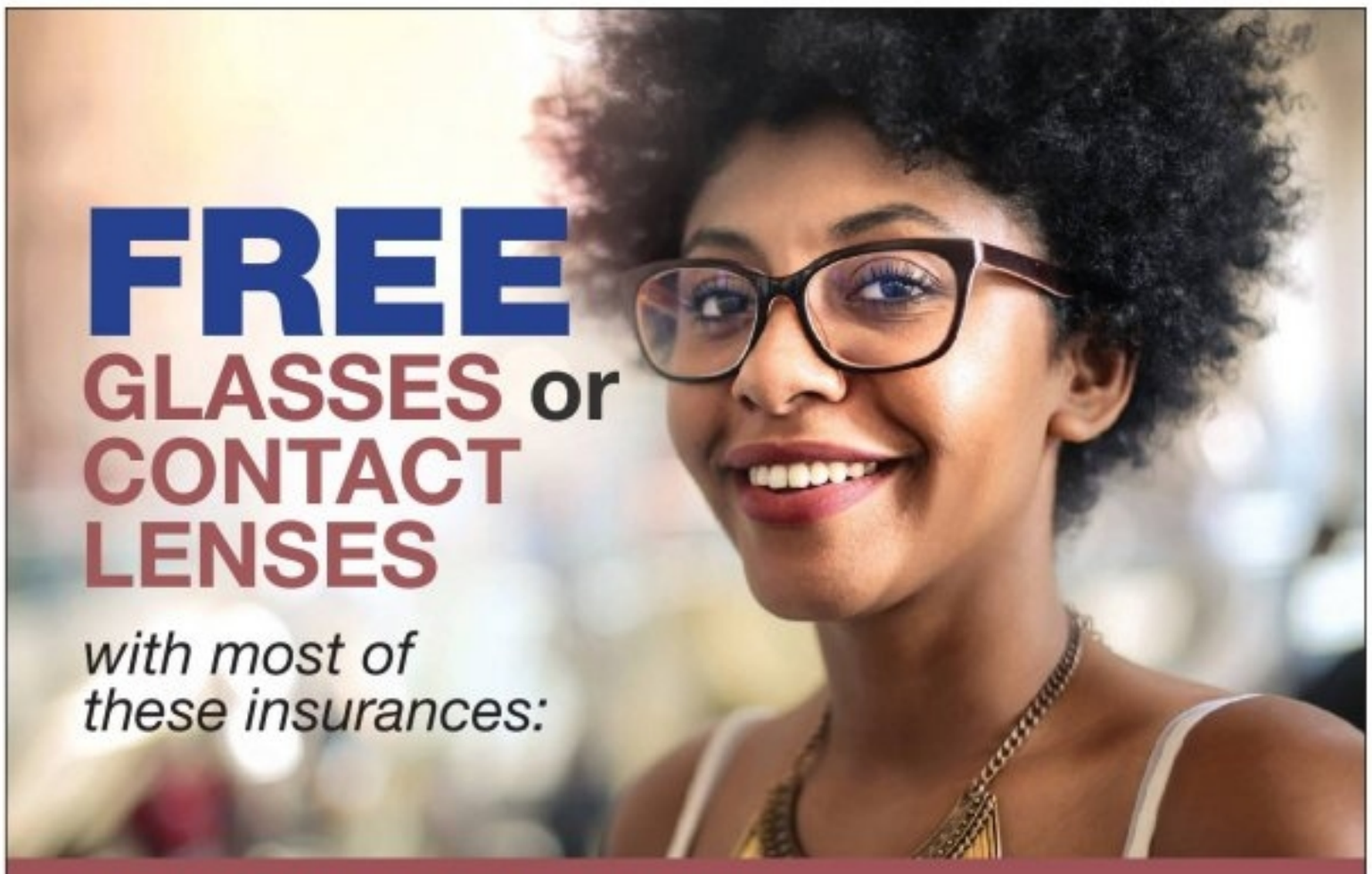
What and where did New Jersey bet its $1.2 billion? Mostly football, which happens to be in line with Nevada's sportsbook betting. "There is also $200 million in parlay wagering, which includes football to some extent," says Gouker. "It's the most popular sport in terms of viewership and betting as well. Those numbers include both NFL and college."

As for Pennsylvania's bourgeoning sportsbook, Gouker says it's about time, yet he understands the wait with state regulators crossing all their "t"s and dotting their "i"s.

"Starting up online gambling from scratch is quite an endeavor. New Jersey had the head start with sports betting because they have been doing online gambling for more than five years." Now, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia appear to be doing very well in Gouker's estimation.

"They have been packed for NFL weekends with people wanting to bet. The Turf Club sportsbook should do really well because of its location near the stadium complex. But Pennsylvania needs to roll out mobile wagering soon to really get close to New Jersey — that should happen in the spring."

With that, Gouker has one more dramatic prediction for sportsbooks in the state. "Because of the population centers in Philly and Pittsburgh and the fact that just more people live in Pennsylvania, it should eventually surpass New Jersey."



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Philadelphians have mixed feelings after shutdown ends

What's next following the 35-day shutdown?

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The largest government shutdown in American history ended after 35 days Friday, and Philadelphians have mixed feelings about what that means for their lives and professional endeavors.

A bill announced by President Donald Trump will put the government and its agencies back in service for three weeks and ensure federal employees receive back pay for the time they worked for free during the shutdown.

Philadelphia is known for its importance to the American Revolution, leaving local tourism in a delicate spot during the government shutdown. Philadelphia is home to several government-funded tourist attractions that have federal employees and were temporarily closed, like the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall.

Visit Philadelphia CEO Jeff Guarcino is optimistic that new plans to bring tourists back to Old City will help compensate for the loss of tourism revenue that came from the shutdown. "We're grateful the sites are open and people are back to work," Guarcino says.

"Visit Philadelphia launched a mini marketing effort on Saturday to encourage visitation to the Historic District, which suffered during the shutdown. By spreading 'open again' messages through social media, digital billboards and even in hotel lobbies, we hope to generate additional traffic to the sites and neighboring businesses," he adds.

Federal employees like La Paris are glad that the shutdown is over but are concerned about how quickly relief will come for federal employees. "My reaction was bittersweet being as though it's a temporary shutdown and it's a big inconvenience financially and emotionally."

For Paris, the anxiety of waiting for a disbursement for her unpaid labor is a stress few people hear about.

"The worst part of it all is that people hear one part of the story in that we'll be paid back, but when we were on shutdown for 17 days [in 2013] we didn't see our disbursement for close to six months later," Paris says. "Although at some point we will be reimbursed for our time, you don't know when that is. It's pretty messed up. [The government] treats its federal employees like they're disposable."

"Although at some point we will be reimbursed for our time, you don't know when that is. It's pretty messed up. [The government] treats its federal employees like they're disposable."
La Paris, federal employee

A frequent traveler, communications coordinator Shadyra Chambers feels at ease that the shutdown is over. "The shutdown affected a lot — from air traffic control to TSA salaries, so knowing those things were no longer compromised made me feel more comfortable about traveling," Chambers says. "I'm extremely elated and excited for the workers. I couldn't imagine working daily with no pay in sight in such a high-stress, high-stakes setting," she adds.

While the shutdown may be over for now, Philadelphians are still responding to its effects in different ways.

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THE FOREMAN FORECAST: THE BLINKING PRESIDENT

As far as political fights go, Nancy Pelosi landed a roundhouse on Trump. GETTY IMAGES

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President Trump loves slapping nicknames on people, so here's one he might try: "Brass Knuckles Nancy" — because the Democratic Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi, has earned it.

Following her party's surging success in the midterm elections, Pelosi was sworn back into the job she'd held before and instantly faced a critical problem.

The government was partially shut down, and the president was insisting he would not open it again unless he was given five-billion-plus dollars for his much-ballyhooed wall on the U.S.-Mexico border.

Talks were going nowhere. Democrats said until the shutdown was ended, nothing could be discussed. The White House was howling about a national crisis, about America being overrun by drug dealers/terrorists/gang members, and about how the president's party — the Republicans — would never, never, never give in until money for the wall was approved.

Pelosi went to meetings only to have Trump storm out. She listened to his repeated threats to proclaim a national emergency and just take the money. But most of all, she waited. Because she knew that all the bellicose words, posturing, and bullying could not overcome some simple facts.

Government workers were being forced to labor without pay. Lines were forming deeper and deeper in some airports. Fears about food safety, basic services, and economic stability were growing. And polls were eating the president alive.

Most voters blamed Trump for the problem, and many objected to the shutdown, especially as a tactic to build the wall. Pelosi canceled his invitation to deliver a State of the Union address.

And finally, after 35 days of a standoff, Trump blinked. He announced a temporary funding measure to put everyone back to work, just as the Democrats wanted. "I am very proud to announce today that we have reached a deal…"

He did not get the money for his wall.

He did not get to crow about how he'd shown the Democrats what's what.

He did not get to tell Republicans, once again, how he can't be beaten.

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Louisiana man suspected of killing spree is arrested in VA

Dakota Theriot killed five, including his parents.

Sheriff's deputies in Virginia on Sunday arrested a 21-year-old man wanted on suspicion of shooting five people to death in Louisiana including his parents, his girlfriend and members of her family.

Following a multi-state manhunt, Dakota Theriot was arrested in Richmond County, Virginia, after pointing a firearm out the window of a home, officials said.

"Deputies challenged him and he surrendered without incident and is at NNRJ (Northern Neck Regional Jail) without bond," the Richmond County Sheriff's Office tweeted.

Theriot will be taken back to Louisiana to face charges including first-degree homicide, home invasion and illegal use of weapons, the Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office in Louisiana said.

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The Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office in Louisiana said he was wanted on two counts of first-degree homicide.

Both counties are in the Baton Rouge area and about 1,000 miles from where he was arrested a day after the killings.

Theriot was identified as the suspect in the Saturday morning slayings of Billy Ernest, 43, Tanner Ernest, 17, and Summer Ernest, 20, Livingston Parish officials said.

Investigators believed Summer Ernest was Theriot's girlfriend, NBC News reported, citing authorities. Tanner was her brother and Billy their father.

Theriot is believed to have stolen their vehicle and driven to nearby Ascension Parish, to the home of his parents where he lived until recently, when he was asked to leave, officials said.

"This is probably ... one of the worst domestic violence incidents I have seen in quite a while, for a young man to walk into a bedroom and kill his mother and father, and then to kill the family in Livingston he had a connection with," Ascension Parish Sheriff Bobby Webre told a news conference.

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By Amy Smith

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— **Sheryl Love-Johnson**, *Metro New York reader*

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Aries Put more effort into learning and into honing your skills. Your presentation style will be impressive. Approach someone you think could benefit from what you have to offer.

Taurus An emotional response will cause havoc. Don't judge others if you don't want to be subject to ridicule. Avoid taking action without being fully prepared to deal with the aftermath.

Gemini Be smart and charming, but don't make promises you can't fulfill. You'll pick up information quickly and impress onlookers if you show interest, ask questions and are observant.

Cancer Do something that makes you happy. Start a project that will inspire you to do things differently or make plans to spend more time with a loved one.

Leo Don't start something you cannot finish. Be honest about your feelings and what you want to see happen. You may not please everyone, but you'll feel better moving forward.

Virgo Expect someone to overreact or evade issues that could change the dynamics of your relationship. When in doubt, ask questions and make suggestions before jumping to conclusions.

Libra You may want to make a change, but first make sure those who will be affected by your choices are on board or at least informed. Be articulate and forthright.

Scorpio Your actions will speak louder than words. Do your research and look at every angle before you make a decision. An offer may sound amazing, but will fall short in actuality.

Sagittarius Call in a favor if it will help bring about a positive change. Prepare a space conducive to developing something you want to pursue. Personal change is encouraged.

Capricorn Finish what you start. You'll come up with a unique idea that can change the way you live. Hard work will pay off, as long as you don't act prematurely.

Aquarius You can resolve an emotional issue if you communicate openly. A little give-and-take will help you bring about the changes you want to see happen.

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Looking for some fun and unique things to do in Philly this week? We've got you covered.

Whitney Cummings
Comedian, writer and actress Whitney Cummings is coming to the City of Brotherly Love to perform her hit standup for three nights at Punch Line Philly beginning Jan. 31. Cummings is best known for creating and starring in the NBC series "Whitney," co-writing the CBS comedy series "2 Broke Girls" and for writing "I'm Fine and Other Lies."
Jan.31, 8 p.m., Punch Line Philly, 33 E Laurel St., $30-$38, philadelphia.heliumcomedy.com

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Jan. 28, 6 p.m.-9 p.m., Free Library of Philadelphia, 1901 Vine St., free-$20, freelibrary.org

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Film Essentials: "Citizen Kane"
"Citizen Kane" has been hailed as one of the greatest films of all time. When released, the film was not an immediate success but over time grew to a.m.ass a huge following and even kickstart a new era of filmmaking by borrowing visual tricks from German Expressionism and Soviet montage. Film Essentials at the Philadelphia Film Center wants to give Philadelphians the chance to experience this classic film for the first time and others the chance to re-live the magic of Rosebud.
Jan. 30, 7 p.m.-10 p.m., Philadelphia Film Society, 1412 Chestnut St., $5-$9, filmadelphia.org

Chinese New Year Orchestra Concert
The Philadelphia Orchestra and the Shanghai Philharmonic Orchestra are tea.m.ing up to present a free concert in celebration of the Year of the Pig. Assistant Conductor Kensho Watanabe will share the podium with the SPO's Resident Conductor Liang Zhang to make the exhilarating night truly special with their rendition of Peng-Peng Gong's Symphony No. 10. The concert is free but tickets should still be reserved to save a spot.
Jan. 29, 7:30 p.m., Verizon Hall, 300 S. Broad St., free, philorch.org

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After a fairly slow week and weekend of TV, the final four days of January and the first of February are jam-packed with all kinds of goodies for audiences to check out. From TNT's new true-crime drama from "Wonder Woman" team Patty Jenkins and Chris Pine to Natasha Lyonne and Amy Poehler's inventive dramedy, here's what to watch on TV this week. **ANDREW HUSBAND**

"GABRIEL 'FLUFFY' IGLESIAS: ONE SHOW FITS ALL"

Jan. 29 on Netflix

Stand-up comedian Gabriel "Fluffy" Iglesias is back with "One Show Fits All," his latest comedy special to drop on Netflix. Filmed in front of a sold-out crowd at the Toyota Center in Houston, where the city's NBA team plays, the new hour sees the comic doing what he does best. Audiences familiar with Iglesias should expect his particular brand of humor as it relates to his teenage son, encounters with Snoop Dogg and an overzealous fan, and more.

"RYAN HANSEN SOLVES CRIMES ON TELEVISION"

Jan. 30 on YouTube Premium

Aside from "Cobra Kai," one of YouTube Premium's most successful scripted shows is "Ryan Hansen Solves Crimes on Television." The first season premiered in 2017. Nearly two years later, the second season of the Rawson Marshall Thurber-created action-comedy series premieres this week. In it, Hansen plays an exaggerated version of himself as he teams up with LAPD detectives to solve homicide cases and other pertinent matters.

"WILL & GRACE"

Jan. 31 at 9:30 p.m. on NBC

After a nearly two-month hiatus, the second season of NBC's "Will & Grace" revival returns with a new episode. Titled "Family, Trip," the episode sees Will (Eric McCormack), Karen (Megan Mullally) and Jack (Sean Hayes) unknowingly take a hallucinogenic drug. This causes Will and Jack to wonder if they're each other's soulmate and inspires Karen to give her last "performance" as Mrs. Stanley Walker. Grace (Debra Messing) does not imbibe in the accidental trip, however.

"Will & Grace" returns this week. NBC

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"I AM THE NIGHT"

Jan. 28 at 9 p.m. on TNT

Actor Chris Pine and director Patty Jenkins are best known for their work in the "Wonder Woman" films, but now the pair has teamed up for "I Am the Night," a new TNT miniseries about the Black Dahlia murder case and its aftermath. Pine plays ex-Marine-turned-disgraced journalist Jay Singletary, who collaborates with Fauna Hodel (India Eisley) as she tries to unravel her connections to the infamous Hollywood gynecologist Dr. George Hodel (Jefferson Mays).

"THE ABC MURDERS"

Feb. 1 on Amazon Prime

Based on the Agatha Christie novel of the same name, "The ABC Murders" stars John Malkovich as the famous literary detective Hercule Poirot. The story follows Poirot as he tries to solve a series of murders throughout Britain that are being committed by someone who's using the country's railway system. The limited series also stars Rupert Grint, Andrew Buchan, Anya Chalotra, Eamon Farren, Jack Farthing, Tara Fitzgerald, Shirley Henderson, Bronwyn James, Freya Mavor and Michael Shaeffer.

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"INTO THE DARK: DOWN"

Feb. 1 on Hulu

The latest episode of Hulu and Blumhouse's horror anthology series "Into the Dark: Down," follows a pair of office workers, Guy (Matt Lauria) and Jennifer (Natalie Martinez), who get trapped in an elevator over a long Valentine's Day weekend. What at first promises to be a romantic connection ultimately turns dangerous and horrifying when the two turn on each other.

"RUSSIAN DOLL"

Feb. 1 on Netflix

Co-created by Natasha Lyonne, Amy Poehler and Leslye Headland, "Russian Doll" stars the former as a young woman named Nadia who's having difficulty coming to terms with her life. A party meant to celebrate it, however, quickly becomes as surreal as it is comedically dangerous when she begins to experience it over and over again. "Russian Doll" adeptly mixes the comedy and drama genres, so audiences won't want to miss it.

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How 'I Am the Night' brings Fauna Hodel's story to life

Star India Eisley and writer Sam Sheridan open up about their new TNT limited series.

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Maybe it's because of TV's fascination with true crime, or maybe it's because of Patty Jenkins and Chris Pine's attachment to the project. Either way, TNT's limited series "I Am the Night" is shaping up to be one of the most-talked-about premieres of the winter TV season. This is especially true because, as all of the promotional material has made clear, "I Am The Night" tells the story of what happened after the infamous Black Dahlia murder in Los Angeles.

At the center of this story is the young Fauna Hodel. Played by India Eisley, the character is based on the real-life woman of the same name whose book "One Day She'll Darken" serves as the inspiration for "I Am the Night's" story. This is a point that writer Sam Sheridan, who's also Jenkins's husband, stresses when explaining how the show came about and why he emphasized its noir elements so strongly.

"Part of what Patty and I loved about this story was Fauna herself," he tells Metro of Hodel, who passed away in 2017. "She was this character who came through all these tumultuous things and was still such a lovely person. She'd basically found out that the worst things about her story were actually true. Or at least could be true. But she didn't let it define her. And this is why we didn't do this as 'based on a true story.' It's 'inspired by' Fauna's story instead. We wanted to tell this thrilling story, but keep the metaphor of Fauna defeating the demons that were set against her.

"Fauna was a very resilient soul," adds Eisley. "All things considered, she had to be. She was just a very strong soul throughout it all, because I know that by the pretty terrible situation and circumstances that she found herself in, she persevered and made it through. I probably would have just crumpled into a ball and become a complete mess if I'd had to experience something like that.

"As an actress, it really stood out to me that she goes from being this very wide-eyed young girl to a fierce and determined woman. All these things are forced on to her out of nowhere, and she responds by taking the town by storm, in a way. Fauna's gut reaction is to go in, taking this forward trajectory of sorts, and figure things out. She never really wallowed in the pain of it all. She tackled it head-on. That really appealed to me, because I'm not that way at all. So it was great fun to play someone like that."

To her credit, Eisley does a phenomenal job of bringing "I Am the Night's" version of Fauna to life. The 25-year-old actress easily stands apart from her lead co-star Chris Pine, whether or not the two are sharing the screen. Though as Sheridan points out, it was his and Jenkins' insistence on adding a more traditional noir element via Pine's character that also helped make "I Am The Night" what it is.

"This is what inspired some of the greatest noir mysteries," he says of the Black Dahlia murder and the story of George Hodel. "I quickly figured out that if there was this guy, this character who's the classic noir foil, then this would be a way to structure the story of Fauna Hodel. It'd be a great way to get audiences engaged and invested in what's happened to her and what she's going through."

"I Am the Night" premieres tonight at 9 p.m. on TNT.

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How to overcome your case of Imposter Syndrome

Are you a fraud or is it all in your head?

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Do you ever get the feeling that no matter what you do and no matter what you accomplish in life, that you are not worthy of being where you are? That it is just a matter of time before someone finds out that you are a complete fraud, even though you have done nothing to prove that is the case?

This feeling is very common for many today and is known as "Imposter Phenomena" or, more casually, as "Imposter Syndrome." At the height of its most crippling powers, this unwarranted feeling that you are never good enough, no matter what, can wreak havoc on someone's professional or academic ambitions.

"It basically describes people for whom there is ample evidence for competence, abilities, accomplishments, but they have a difficult time internalizing or owning those," explains Dr. Valerie Young, an internationally known expert on the Impostor Syndrome and author of award-winning book "The Secret Thoughts of Successful Women: Why Capable People Suffer from the Impostor Syndrome and How to Thrive in Spite of It." "In other words, they can see the degree on the wall, they can hear the positive feedback or the reviews, they look at their paycheck and see that they got a big promotion, but there's this little voice inside of them that says, 'Sure, I'm successful. But, I can explain all of that.' So, they chalk their accomplishments up to things like luck, timing, right-place-right-time, 'somebody helped me,' connections, or this kind of sense that 'they just like me.'"

Dr. Young believes that there are many reasons why people may develop debilitating cases of Imposter Syndrome. But, like many character flaws, it can be easily traced back to someone's upbringing. "Family messages and expectations, and also from teachers, do play a role. It could be this kind of hyper sense of humility that could be parental or cultural. But also, you might have come from a family where you come home with all As and one B and your family's only response was, 'What's that B doing there?' So the message you got early on was that the only thing that is acceptable is perfection. For kids, praise is like oxygen."

But, who tends to feel it the most? While Dr. Young believes that no specific demographic is really spared from Imposter Syndrome, it's worth recognizing that even successful people feel it sting on the regular. "Universally, graduate students and especially doctoral students feel like imposters," she explains.

Dr. Young advises that the only way to get over this irrational fear is to normalize imposter feelings. This is definitely an important thing to do if you are the first of a certain sex, race or marginalized group to do the job or to pursue a certain degree. Basically, if you feel as though the burden of representing a specific group is all on your shoulders.

To sum it all up, she has this one piece of helpful advice: "People who don't feel like imposters are no more intelligent, capable, competent than the rest of us," she says. "The only difference between them and us is that in the exact same situation where we feel like imposters, they are thinking different thoughts. Which is incredibly good news because it means we just have to learn how to think like we're not imposters. The difference would be that the imposter shows up at Harvard to get their MBA and they go, 'Oh my god, everyone here is brilliant.' The non-imposter does the exact same thing and says, 'Oh, wow. Everyone here is brilliant! This is great. I'm going to learn so much!"

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New bettors (and journalists new to covering sports betting) have to realize that bad beats are extremely common in gambling. Whether you're talking about sports, poker, blackjack, whatever. Any activity involving randomness will include some "bad" randomness from a bettor's perspective.

* You're going to lose some heartbreakers. Some of those will be for big money. Don't ever bet more than you can afford to lose. Bad luck could care less if you "really need this one." No matter how confident you are about a bet, you're not immune to bad luck.

* Don't assume that you're "due" to have good luck right after bad luck. That's a dangerous variation of the gambler's fallacy. Bad luck can also mean losing several in a row.

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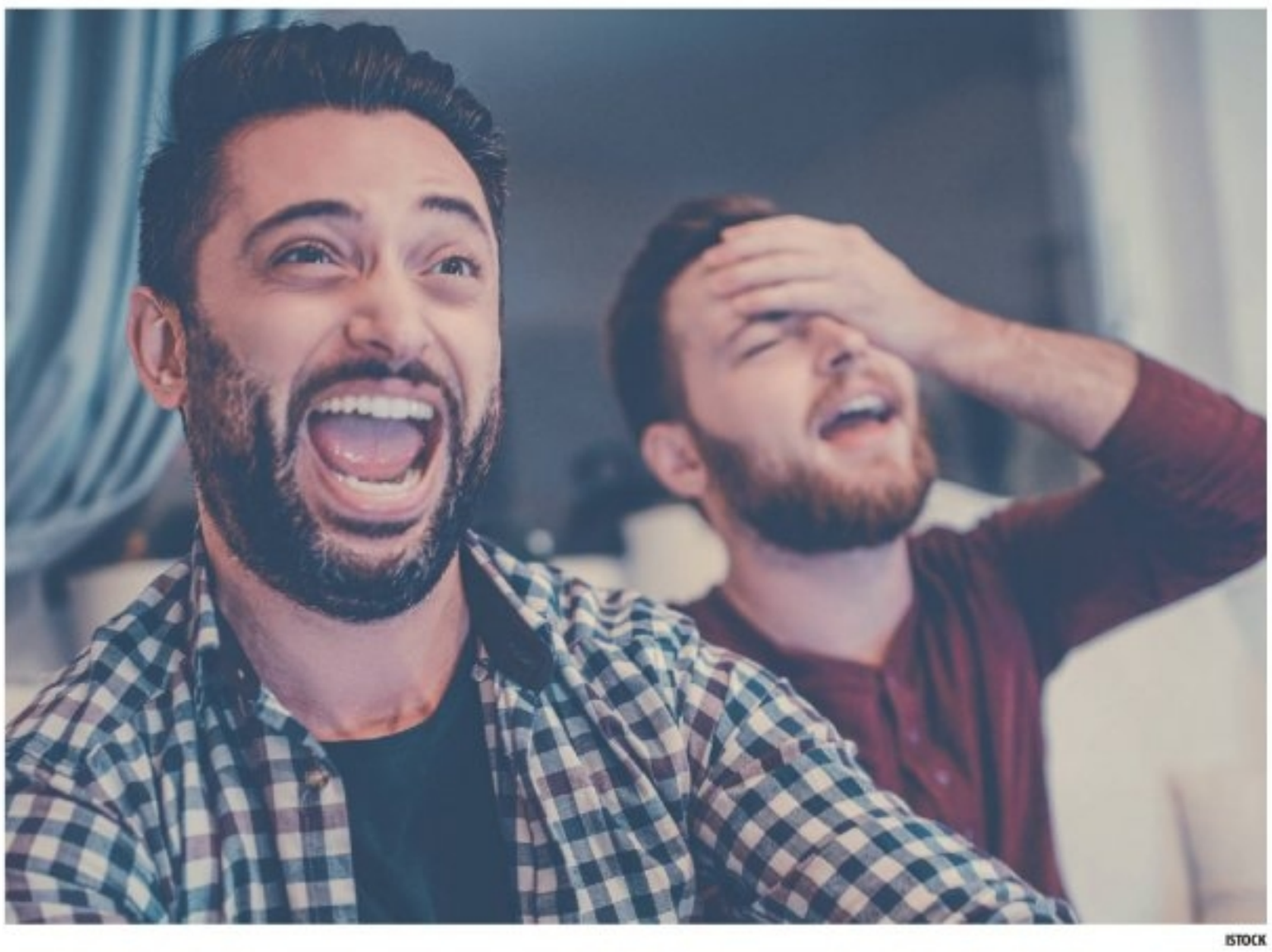

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If you find yourself furious about unlucky losses, or marveling at the bad luck of others during broadcast segments, devote that time and energy to research, handicapping, and developing money management strategies. You can't necessarily "make your own luck" in games of chance. You can minimize its impact on your bankroll by betting responsibly. @JEFFFOGLE

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Super Bowl prop bets

Here is VSiN's Props Primer as we dive into Super Bowl week.

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TRY TO BE PROFESSIONAL

The first lesson is that while Super Bowl props are meant to be fun (and I admit my own degenerate streak for sometimes taking a stab or two), we really need to treat these seriously and like an investment. It's easier said than done, but let's try to limit our bets to ones that have a better chance to happen than the odds we're being offered. Unless you're a true professional sports bettor and believe your research can outdo the oddsmakers and find edges, I believe you should trust that the bookies have already done the homework in setting the lines based on what teams or individuals average and shading for any other factors. In that case, our job is to figure out what game scenarios might happen on Super Sunday that make the results more likely on one side than the other. For instance, did you see how the Patriots shut down the Chiefs' Tyreek Hill and Travis Kelce last week? If you had decided that Bill Belichick — who has a great reputation for taking away a team's top weapon — was going to double-cover one or both of those guys, that's the way you should have bet in the AFC title game props. Who will Belichick try to take away on Super Sunday? What will the Rams do different that might affect their props (or Patriots' props as well).

TRUST YOUR HANDICAPPING

I really believe you should tailor your props bets to how you handicap the game overall. Last year, I nearly swept my props because I predicted the Eagles to keep the game close and ultimately beat the Patriots outright. I cashed on the Eagles' LeGarrette Blount to have over 7.5 carries against his former team, Blount over 27.5 rushing yards, Blount over 9.5 yards for his longest rush and Blount +180 to score a TD. I also nailed the game to be tied after 0-0 (that cashed earlier as it was 3-3 in the first quarter) and largest lead of the game to be under 14.5 points. I also truly believed the coaches would have some trick plays up their sleeves, so I went with Over 2.5 players (+180) to throw a pass, cashing when Danny Amendola threw his incomplete pass to Tom Brady and piled on with Trey Burton's "Philly Special" TD pass to Nick Foles. That could be in play this year, especially if you believe Rams coach Sean McVay will let punter Johnny Hekker throw another pass. Now, I should add a caveat: While I say to have your prop wagers fit your narrative of how the game will be played, you shouldn't ignore value bets on the other team if, again, they make sense. Again, last year, I didn't see the Eagles having an answer for Rob Gronkowski and bet him to have Over 5 receptions. Not all props are going to win (or go Over) on the winning team nor lose (or stay Under) on the losing team, so approach each with a search for value.

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Flyers vs. Jets betting preview

The Flyers (19-23-6) face a fearsome foe at the Wells Fargo Center in their first game following the All-Star break as the Winnipeg Jets (31-15-2) come to town Monday night.

The Jets' offense must be licking their chops at the prospect of facing Philly's woeful defense. Winnipeg is sixth in the NHL in goals per game at 3.46. Eight of their skaters have reached double-digits in goals at the unofficial halfway mark of the season, including club co-leaders Mark Scheifele and Patrik Laine (25 goals each). Blake Wheeler has just nine tallies, but an incredible 52 assists to go with them.

The Flyers have been mixing and matching netminders without much success this year, as they're 29th in the league in goals per game allowed at 3.52. Their offensive firepower pales in comparison to Winnipeg's, as Sean Couturier is their leading scorer at 19 goals, followed by Wayne Simmonds (15).

The Flyers are 8-17 against the spread in their last 25 home games, and Winnipeg carries a better-than-average road record (13-9) into this tilt.

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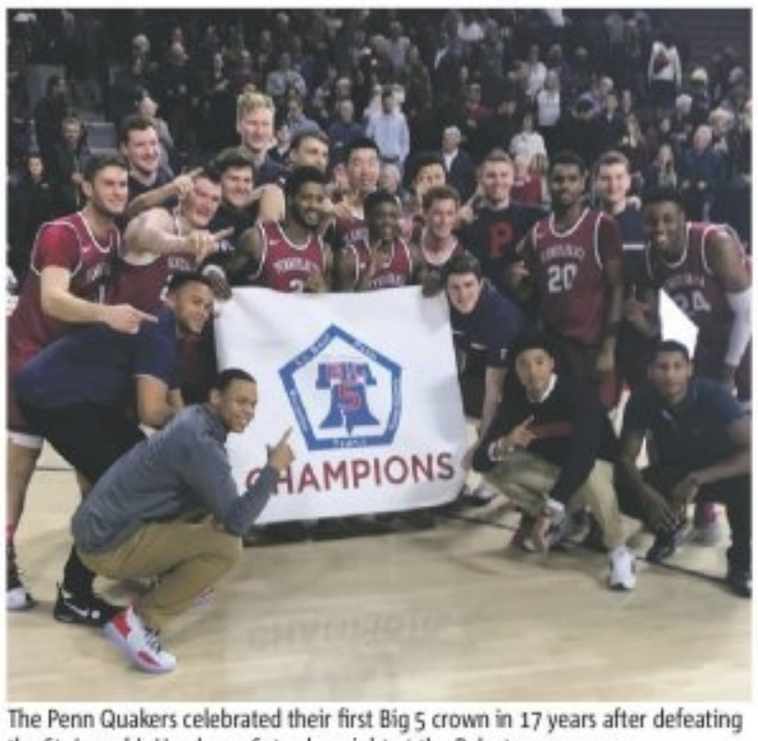
Penn beats SJU to clinch first Big 5 title in 17 years



The Penn Quakers celebrated their first Big 5 crown in 17 years after defeating the St. Joseph's Hawks on Saturday night at the Palestra. JON MARKS

Before sweeping the Big 5 this season, the Quakers had a record of 4-20 in the previous six seasons.

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It's an unofficial championship, which won't bear any weight in terms of the Selection Committee when the NCAA Tournament rolls around in March.

But don't tell Steve Donahue and the Penn Quakers that winning the Big 5 title doesn't mean anything, especially considering it had been 17 years since the red and blue last celebrated one. In recent years, the Quakers had pretty much been bringing up the rear among La Salle, Temple, Saint Joseph's and, of course, perennial power Villanova.

"There's a documentary about the Big 5 with comments made by former players that mentioned Penn only as an aside," revealed Donahue after the Quakers — who'd already assured themselves of at least a share of the crown — claimed it all to themselves with a 78-70 win over St. Joe's at the Palestra on Saturday.

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Poor grades (and poor record) dominate Flyers' first-half report card

The Flyers are back in action on Monday night against the Winnipeg Jets at the Wells Fargo Center.

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Everyone, at least once in their life, had a report card in school they did not want to open, look at, or for heaven's sake, show to Mom and Dad.

Well, it's kind of how the Philadelphia Flyers feel, because their first-half grades are in and, just like the team's record, they're abysmal.

At the All-Star break, the Flyers are 19-23-6 and are tied with the Los Angeles Kings for the third-fewest points in the league — a three-game winning streak to close the first half prevented them from finishing with the fewest points. Along the way, they fired their general manager, assistant general manager, head coach and an assistant coach, and endured an eight-game losing streak.

So, no one should be surprised by the grades Metro has handed out for the team's mid-season report card.

Philadelphia Flyers center Claude Giroux (28). GETTY IMAGES

OFFENSE: C-

The unit has been shut out six times, held to two goals or fewer 20 times in their first 48 games (42 percent) and ranks in the bottom third in the NHL in goals scored. However, the 16 goals they scored over the last three games was more than the previous 11 games combined.

Individually, outside of captain Claude Giroux (14 goals, 38 assists) and Sean Couturier (19 goals, 20 assists), none of the forwards can claim that they are having a better than mediocre season. The major disappointments include Jake Voracek (39 points); Wayne Simmonds (15 goals, eight assists), although he is coming off major injuries; James van Riemsdyk (12 goals); and Nolan Patrick (nine goals, including five in the last three games).

DEFENSE: D

Mistakes, poor decisions, turnovers, regression of young players, terrible goaltending — you name it, and the Flyers are likely guilty of it on the back end. They have allowed the third-most goals in the league and probably lead in allowing odd-man rushes. Ivan Provorov and Shayne Gostisbehere are a combined plus/minus of minus-26, while Radko Gudas (plus-10) has probably been the team's most consistent performer, which says a lot.

GOALTENDING (CARTER HART ONLY): A-

The heralded prospect's arrival in December lifted the spirits of the entire organization and fan base, and he hardly fell short of the high expectations. Through 12 games, Hart is 6-5-1 with a 2.66 goals-against average and .918 save percentage. He has stabilized the position, given his team a chance to win each night and looks every bit the No. 1 goalie the Flyers hope he will be.

GOALTENDING (EVERYONE NOT NAMED CARTER HART): F

The Flyers used six goalies before Hart arrived, and none of them could either (A) stay healthy or (B) stop the puck. Even with Hart, the team owns the third-worst goals-against average. Hopefully, at least one of them can get and remain healthy to serve as a reliable backup to Hart.

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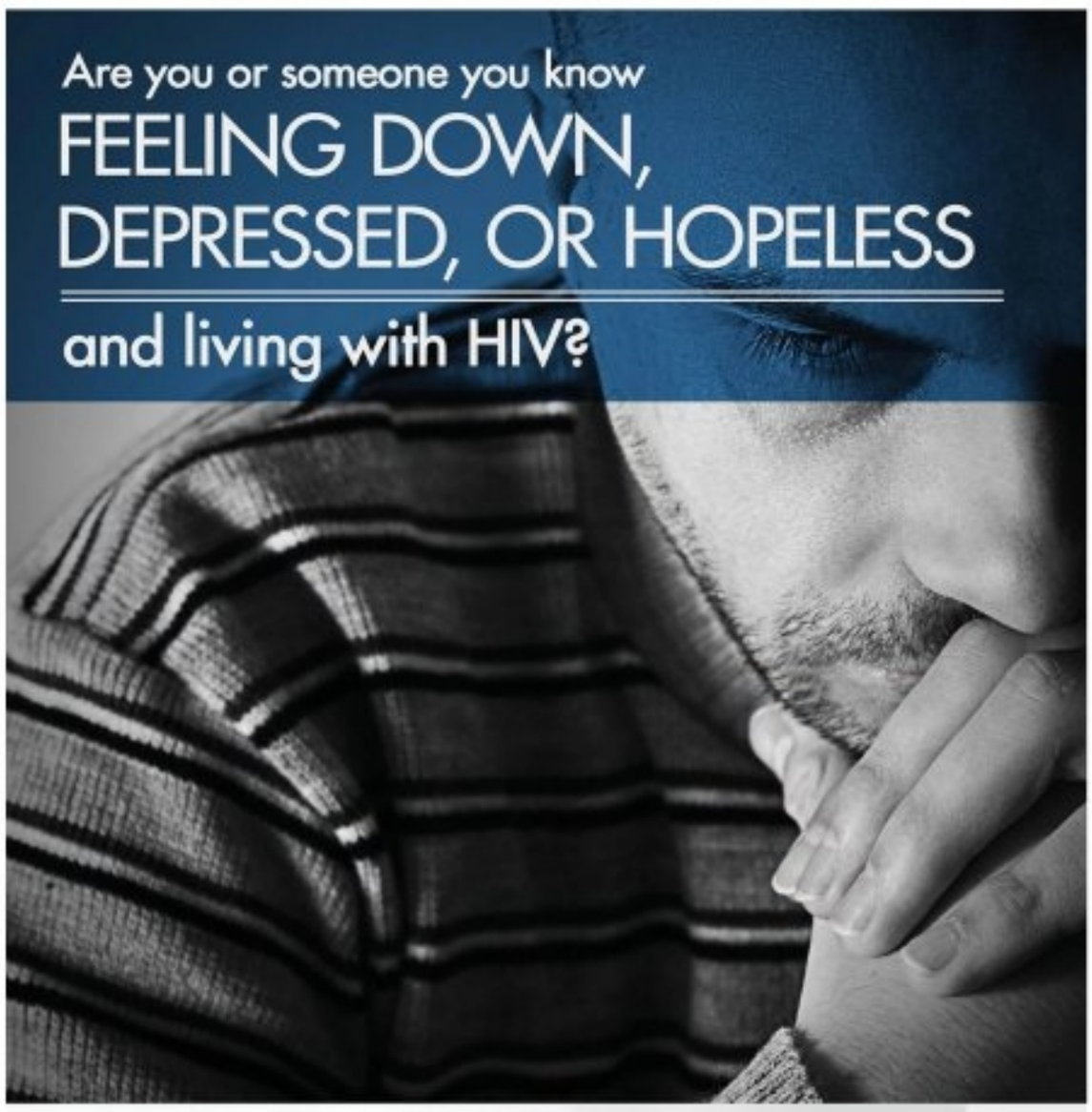
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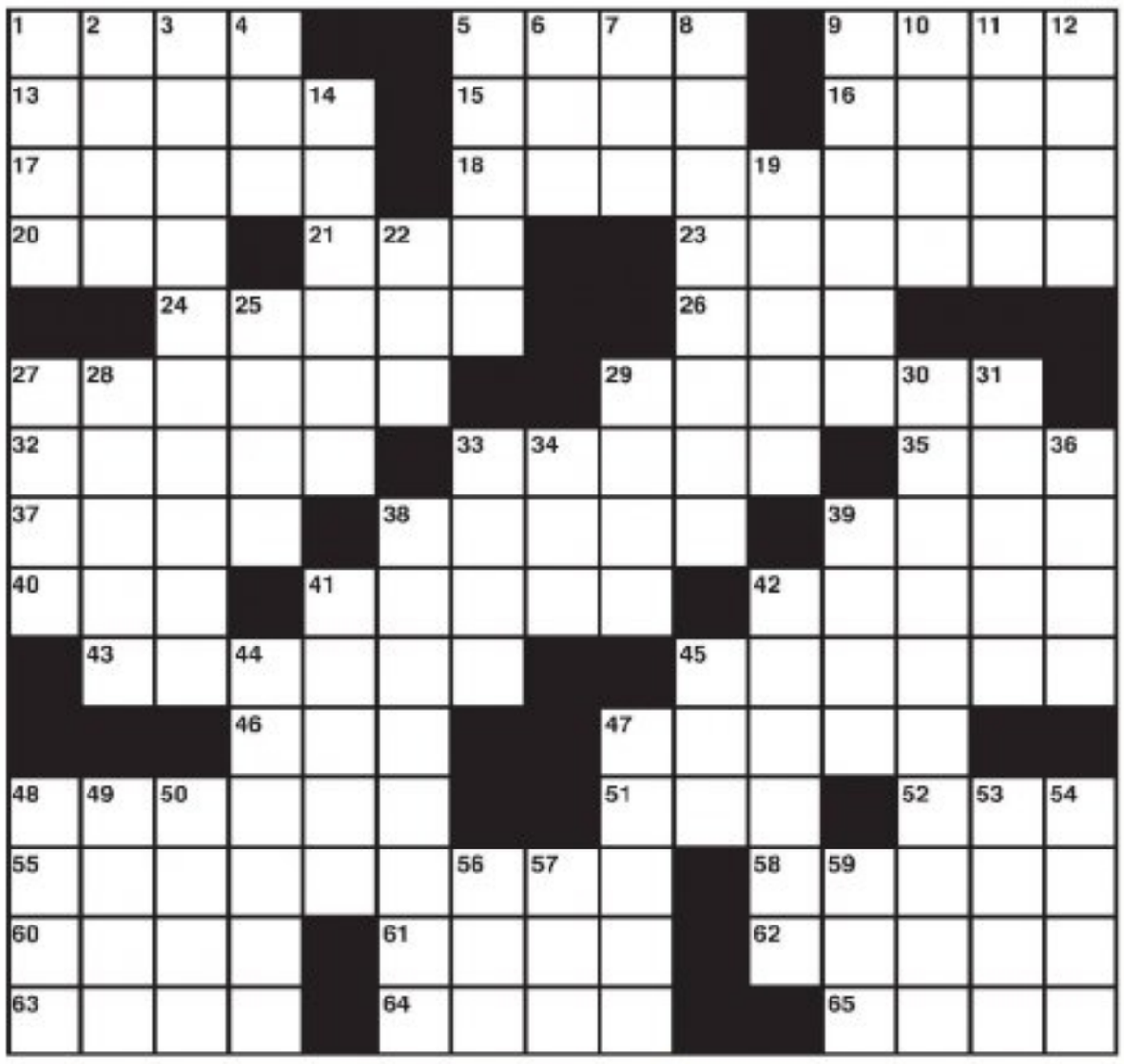

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9 __ up; misbehaves
13 Type of eclipse
15 Salary
16 Radar screen image
17 __ drop of a hat; immediately
18 __ of; next to
20 Taro root paste
21 Word after bowling or rolling
23 Fled and wed
24 __ and groans; complains
26 Simple card game
27 Lesser-known facts & details
29 Morsel
32 Passenger
33 Dried fruit
35 Cow's comment
37 As straight __ arrow
38 For the time __; meanwhile
39 Stretch across
40 Teacher's favorite
41 "Blue __ Shoes"; Elvis hit
42 Loop with a slipknot
43 Clergyman
45 Seashores
46 "Now I __ me down to sleep..."
47 Hideaways
48 Large antelope
51 Want __; newspaper section
52 "What'll __"; Irving Berlin song
55 Afflicted
58 Receded
60 Clippety-__
61 Scuttle chunk
62 Crab Louie or coleslaw
63 Chops down
64 Days of __; yesteryear
65 Cincinnati team

DOWN

1 Envelope part
2 Car
3 Cow; frighten
4 Cheerleader's cry
5 Waterbirds
6 Coolidge, for one
7 Not long __; recently
8 Revitalizing
9 Soak up
10 Cut coupons
11 Movement of the waves
12 Ran fast
14 Fix
19 Air freshener brand
22 __ nutshell; briefly
25 Jenn-Air appliance
27 Ensnare
28 Early __; one up at dawn
29 Melody
30 Out of the question
31 Browned bread
33 One's equal
34 Get __ of; shed
36 Singles
38 Tendency to float
39 Fly high
41 No longer fresh
42 Sounds
44 Vises
45 Womanizer
47 Serving implement
48 Heat rash symptom
49 Internal spy
50 Ship's bow
53 No longer with us
54 Probability
56 "__ many cooks spoil the broth"
57 Corncob
59 Saloon

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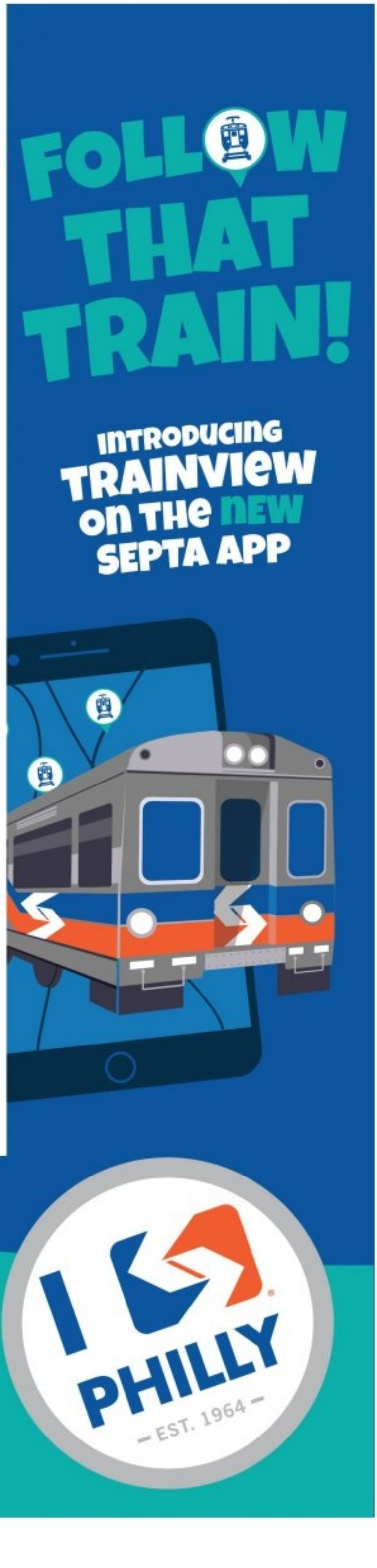
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